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LIST OF OFFICERS, 1920.

President, B. F. Shelton-----Speed, N. C.
Vice-President, Edie Cullipher-----Herry Hill, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer and B. A., J. C. Bain-----Wade, N. C.
Chaplain, J. H. Evans-----Hillsboro, N. C.
Lecturer, H. M. Cates-----Graham, N. C.
Steward, H. H. Thompson-----Hillsboro, N. C.
Doorkeeper, R. H. Lane-----Greensboro, N. C.
Trustee B. A., H. E. Thompson-----Stantonsburg, N. C.
Executive Committee—John A. Davis, P. C. Caldwell, C. F. Cates,
W. L. Baker, T. J. Oldham.

PROCEEDINGS.

The thirty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance convened at "headquarters," near Hillsboro, N. C., on August 10 and 11, 1920, and was called to order by President T. F. Cherry promptly at 12 o'clock m.

The Alliance was then opened in ritualistic due form, after which the President declared this the thirty-fourth annual session of this body open and ready for business, and appointed Brethren B. F. Shelton, J. R. Sykes, and D. A. Montgomery as Committee on Credentials.

Recess was then taken until 2 o'clock p. m. for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Promptly at 2 o'clock p. m. the President called the Alliance to order. The Secretary called the roll of counties, and the following delegates were certified as entitled to seats:

Alamance—H. M. Cates.

Bertie—O. S. White and Edie Cullipher.

Edgecombe—B. F. Shelton and W. T. Gorham.

Cumberland—S. J. McLaurin, W. A. Cook, and J. L. Starling.

Guilford—D. A. Montgomery.

Lenoir-Johnston—L. L. Creech.

Orange—J. R. Sykes.

Rowan—T. P. Johnson.

Wayne—J. M. Mitchel.

Warren—W. S. Gardner.

Wilson—J. A. McKeel.

The Committee on Credentials reported all counties as recorded above entitled to seats.

The President then appointed the following committees:

Constitution—Edie Cullipher, J. C. Bain, J. M. Mitchel.

Lecturing—J. R. Sykes, J. A. McKeel, Oscar White.

Resolutions—L. L. Creech, T. B. Parker, C. F. Cates.

Memorial—T. P. Johnson, J. H. Evans, H. H. Thompson.

It was moved by Bro. J. H. Evans that the approval of

the minutes be postponed until later in the session, which was carried.

Carried that the further discussion of the report of the Sales Committee and approving the minutes be deferred until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow and that a committee of three be appointed to investigate sale as reported by Bros. H. E. Thompson and J. L. Cherry and report to the Alliance tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m. The committee appointed were J. M. Mitchel, T. B. Parker, T. P. Johnson.

A report was then called for from Secretary-Treasurer and B. A., and was responded to as follows:

Dear Officers and Brethren:

I have nothing especially new to report for the year. We have had a condition in our country during the year such as I never saw before, namely, high prices and profiteering. I feel sure this condition cannot and will not be very lasting—that the tide will turn at no great distant day. Then we that feed and clothe the world will realize the great need of organization more than at present. There has been but very little lecture work done during the year. Our esteemed lecturer visited Bertie County, which resulted in the organization of one new subordinate and strengthening the brotherhood of the old subordinates.

My books and papers are in the hands of your Executive Committee, who will report to you their findings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BAIN,

Secretary-Treasurer and B. A.

An informal session was then engaged in, and speeches were made by Brethren H. M. Cates, J. H. Evans, T. B. Parker, T. P. Johnson, and a number of other brethren made reports from their counties, and spoke words of cheer and comfort to the brotherhood.

A message being received by the Alliance that our chairman of Executive Committee, Bro. John A. Davis, of Edgecombe County, was very ill and could not attend this meeting, it was carried that our President appoint a committee of three to wire a message of consolation to Brother Davis. Committee appointed—J. H. Evans, B. F. Shelton, G. T. Lane. Report of the committee was as follows:

Alliance Headquarters, Hillsboro, N. C.

To Our Brother, John A. Davis, Pinetops, N. C.—Greeting:

This body, in session assembled, do extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for your speedy recovery. May our Father's blessings be with you.

COMMITTEE.

Carried, that we elect officers for ensuing year this evening at 8 o'clock.

Adjournment was then made until 8 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session.

The Alliance reassembled promptly at 8 o'clock p. m.

The hour for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, they were elected, as follows:

President—B. F. Shelton, Speed, N. C.

Vice-President—Edie Cullipher, Merry Hill, N. C.

Secretary-Treasurer and B. A.—J. C. Bain, Wade, N. C.

Lecturer—H. M. Cates, Graham, N. C.

Chaplain—J. H. Evans, Hillsboro, N. C.

Steward—H. H. Thompson, Hillsboro, N. C.

Doorkeeper—G. T. Lane, Greensboro, N. C.

Member of Executive Committee for five years—P. C. Caldwell, Goldsboro, N. C.

Report of Committee on Constitution was as follows:

We, your Committee on Constitution, recommend that no change be made in our Constitution at this session.

By EDIE CULLIPHER,
For Committee.

The same was received and adopted by the Alliance.

Bro. J. A. McKeel reported for Committee on Lecturing: That no change be made in our present system. The same was adopted by the Alliance.

Carried, that Bro. T. B. Parker now address the Alliance on the North Carolina cotton warehouse question, and explain its intents, etc., for the farmers, which he did to the full satisfaction of the brethren.

Report of the Executive Committee was then presented, read and approved, and is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO STATE ALLIANCE AUGUST 10, 1920.

We have examined and checked the accounts of the Trustee as submitted, and find same to check correctly.

We also find that he has paid items of expense that should properly have been paid by the Secretary-Treasurer, and recommend that in the future all such items be remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Committee.

With reference to report of money received from sale of Hillsboro property, we submit same without comment.

We have examined report of Secretary-Treasurer and B. A., and approve and attach same.

T. J. OLDHAM, Acting Chairman.

P. C. CALDWELL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT SECRETARY-TREASURER AND S. B. A.

Balance on hand August 14, 1919:

Cash from B. A. Fund	\$ 155.19
Cash from Secretary and Treasurer	65.31
Bond on hand	500.00

\$ 720.50

Received interest on bond	\$ 30.00
Profit from merchandise sold	44.10
Cash from Va. C. Co.	148.90
Rents from J. H. Evans	170.20
Fees and dues	82.05

475.25

Total receipts	\$1,195.75
Less expenses, as on Sec.-Treas.'s book	\$401.27
Sec.-Treas. and and B. A., salary	200.00

601.27

Balance in hands of Sec.-Treas. and B. A. \$ 594.48
August 10, 1920.

Approved by Executive Committee.

T. J. OLDHAM, Acting Chairman.

P. C. CALDWELL, Secretary.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE B. A.

Stantonsburg, N. C., August 10, 1920.

To the Officers and Members of North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance.

Brethren: I herewith hand you my report as Trustee of the

Business Agency Fund for the year ending August 1, 1920, as follows:

1919.			
Aug. 1.	Balance on hand, including \$6,500 N. C. Bonds and \$100 Liberty Bond -----		\$6,833.00
Aug. 13.	Paid H. E. Thompson, expenses to State Alliance meeting-----	\$ 13.51	
Sept. 8.	H. E. T., salary to Dec. 1, 1919	50.00	
Nov. 28.	G. W. Stanton, Trustee's bond--	35.00	
1920.			
Jan. 17, 19, 20.	L. C. Darden, Cashier, safety box rent -----	3.00	
Jan. 17.	Interest on bonds -----		130.00
April 30.	H. E. T., expenses to Cherry's--	10.00	
May 10.	H. E. T., expenses to Cherry's--	10.00	
May 11.	J. L. Cherry's ex. to Hillsboro--	26.40	
May 11.	H. E. T., e. to Hillsboro-----	24.24	
June 20.	H. E. T., ex. to Hillsboro-----	25.00	
June 20.	J. L. Cherry, ex. to Hillsboro--	23.00	
July 1.	N. C. Bonds on hand-----	6,500.00	
July 1.	Liberty Bond -----	100.00	
July 1.	Interest on bonds -----		130.00
Aug. 1.	Cash in bank -----	272.85	
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		\$7,993.00	\$7,993.00

In compliance with a resolution by the last State Alliance, appointing Bro. C. F. Cates, Bro. J. L. Cherry and myself to sell our headquarters property, we had it subdivided and sold by an auction company on the 21st day of June for the sum of \$21,104.40, one-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years.

Total amount of sale, \$21,104.40.

Cash received from sale-----		\$8,035.30
Paid Walter and Gurley Auction Co.-----	\$2,100.00	
In savings department, Planters Bank-----	4,000.00	
Loaned C. P. Clark-----	1,400.00	
Balance in bank -----	535.30	
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Respectfully submitted,

H. E. THOMPSON, Trustee.

Committee on Memorial reported as follows:

Brethren since last we met, God in His infinite providence has seen fit to remove our worthy brethren, R. W. Crumpler, of Johnston County, and Wright Evans, of Bertie County, from their sphere of usefulness here to their heavenly home. No longer will we have their glad handshake and pleasant communion, but our loss is their eternal gain, and we bow in submission to his holy will, and say, "Thy will be done."

T. P. JOHNSON,
J. H. EVANS,
H. H. THOMPSON,
Committee.

Comments on the life of Brother Crumpler were made by Brethren J. H. Evans and L. L. Creech, and on the life of Brother Evans by Edie Cullipher and J. C. Bain. Report of Committee was then adopted by a rising vote.

The Alliance then adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Morning, August 11, 1920.

At 8 o'clock the Alliance reassembled and opened in due form.

The special committee appointed at yesterday's session on sale of headquarters property, being ready to report, their report was received, and is as follows:

August 11, 1920.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Alliance.

We, your committee appointed at your session yesterday to examine into the acts of the sales committee for selling the Alliance property near Hillsboro, N. C., beg leave to report that they have the written minutes of the session of 1919 creating the Sales Committee, composed of C. F. Cates, J. L. Cherry, and H. E. Thompson, and in the opinion of your committee your secretary wrote those minutes correctly; but in giving copy to the printer for the printed minutes, failed to call attention to the omission or leaving out of certain restrictions. On account of this omission, the Sales Committee acted on the supposition that there were no restrictions whatever as to price. After questioning the Sales Committee, we firmly believe the members who signed the report thought they were acting entirely within their rights in

selling the property at the price at which it was sold. Your committee concurs with them in this opinion.

J. M. MITCHEL,
T. B. PARKER,
T. P. JOHNSON,
Committee.

A motion to adopt the report of committee was carried, and vote stood as follows:

Edgecombe, Wilson, Alamance, Bertie, Johnston, Wayne, and Rowan Counties—10 votes for.

Cumberland, Guilford, and Orange—5 votes against.

Sales Committeemen H. E. Thompson and J. L. Cherry then presented their report of sale of our property near Hillsboro, and it was received and adopted, with the same vote as the report of special committee, and is as follows:

We, your committee appointed at the meeting of the State Alliance, held at headquarters, near Hillsboro, N. C., August 12 and 13, 1919, beg to report as follows: In compliance with a resolution at the last State Alliance, Bros. C. F. Cates, J. L. Cherry, and H. E. Thompson were appointed to sell our headquarters property. Beg to say we had it subdivided and sold by Walters & Gurley Auction Company, of Kinston, N. C., on the 21st day of June, 1920, for the sum of \$21,104.40. The terms of the sale were one-fourth cash and the remainder in one, two, and three years, with mortgage on the property for deferred payments. There were paid in \$8,035.30, some of the bidders having paid more than the one-fourth. We paid the sales company \$2,100.00 commission for selling the property, leaving in our hands the sum of \$5,935.30 in cash and notes for the remainder.

(Signed) J. L. CHERRY,
H. E. THOMPSON.

Was ordered by the Alliance that the Trustee B. A. be instructed to cancel old mortgage made to W. A. Graham, Trustee, on headquarters property on Register's book at Orange County court-house.

Ordered by the Alliance that J. L. Cherry be instructed to transfer to H. E. Thompson, Trustee, the notes and mortgages held for the sale of our headquarters property.

Ordered. that the Executive Committee dispose of the personal property at headquarters.

The following was presented by Committee on Resolutions and unanimously adopted:

That the Sales Committee, Messrs. C. F. Cates, J. L. Cherry, and H. E. Thompson, be allowed the statutory per diem of the members of the Executive Committee and expense for their services in the selling of the Alliance property.

J. MITCHEL,
T. B. PARKER,
T. P. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Carried, that President, Secretary and any other officer necessary of the Alliance are instructed to execute the deeds to the purchasers of our lands, the deeds to be executed and placed in hands of Trustee B. A. to deliver.

Carried, that Bro. J. H. Evans be requested to have the office clock put in good repair, and the State Alliance present the same to Mrs. Evans as a slight token of our appreciation of her kindness and courtesies to this body.

The following was offered by Bro. T. B. Parker and was unanimously adopted:

That the Constitution be amended to read: "That for the year 1921 the time and place of the meeting of the State Alliance be left to the Executive Committee, but it shall be during the month of August, and the decision shall be made and the subordinate and county Alliances be notified of the same not less than three months before the time of the meeting."

The following resolutions were offered by the Resolution Committee and unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We congratulate the people of our State on the progress and greater development and utilization of the State's wonderful resources, and the marked advances we have made along every line of endeavor.

Education.

Especially are we proud of the higher stand we have taken along educational lines. We felicitate ourselves that the Farmers' Alliance sowed the seed for better schools when from 1890 to 1896 it memorialized legislatures and worked for increased

appropriations for school purposes. Increases were made from 12 ½ cents in 1891 to 20 cents in 1897. Of a truth, the seed fell on good ground and have produced a harvest worthy of a great State and a progressive people.

Agriculture.

Likewise, we are proud of the agricultural standing our State now occupies, and we hereby extend our thanks to the State Department of Agriculture, the Experiment Station and the Extension workers, the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, and every other agency that has helped us to occupy the high position of fourth place in crop values in all the States of the Union. We ask the co-operation of every true North Carolinian to help us to hold fast to that to which we have attained, and to move up still higher.

Demonstration Work.

Especially do we commend the action of the State Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering, and every other agency that may have helped in encouraging and supporting the Home Demonstration Work so ably presided over by Mrs. McKimmon, which is carrying into the homes of our people messages of hope and encouragement, and giving to our women folk information of untold value touching home management and the thousand and one things that require the thought and attention of the women folk on the farm. We shall be glad for this work to be extended until it touches every farm home in the State.

Health Work.

The interest taken in better health conditions in all parts of the State is noteworthy and should receive the encouragement of all our people. Good health will greatly add to the good name our State already enjoys. No class of people will be more benefited on account of the increased activities along health lines than our people living on the farm.

Insurance.

The work of the office of the Commissioner of Insurance in protecting our people from fraudulent and unreliable insurance agencies, together with the fire-prevention campaign throughout the State, is to be commended and is worthy of our appreciation and support.

Good Roads.

We highly appreciate the good-roads movement, because good roads add to the comforts and attractiveness of rural life by enabling neighbors to come into close touch with each other, and also in reducing the cost of transportation in taking our farm products to the markets. We wish the good work to continue until every community shall share in a good-roads system.

Law and Order.

We admire the position that our Governor and other officials have taken in maintaining law and order in the State. We pledge to them our hearty support in the high stand they are maintaining in the enforcement of the laws of the land. May the leaven thus started continue to grow and expand until all our people shall become law-abiding, and entire harmony shall prevail throughout the land.

Co-operation.

We now ask that the members of the Farmers' Alliance and all the people of the State shall stand together as a unit in holding up the hands of our leaders in uplift and endeavor in keeping North Carolina in the front ranks of the States of the Union in all the things that make for good and true American citizenship.

RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO WAREHOUSING COTTON.

On account of the great loss to the cotton farmers of our State from exposure of cotton to the weather, which, according to carefully compiled statistics, amounts to millions of dollars annually, a loss that our people cannot afford and one that can easily be prevented by properly warehousing all cotton as soon as ginned.

Therefore be it resolved, that we request our cotton farmers and dealers in cotton to take advantage of the State warehouse system now being inaugurated, and encourage the building of warehouses wherever they are needed. •

We also hereby memorialize the next Legislature to so amend the Cotton Warehouse Act so as to make all the fund from the 25-cent-bale tax available for building cotton warehouses instead of only half of it, as the law now stands.

J. M. MITCHEL,
T. B. PARKER,
THOS. P. JOHNSON,
Committee.

The doors of the Alliance hall were opened and the ladies and others came in by invitation to be present at the installation ceremonies of the officers for the ensuing year, which was ably conducted by our worthy President of the past two years, Bro. T. F. Cherry.

After the installation, Brethren B. F. Shelton, President; H. M. Cates, Lecturer, and J. H. Evans, Chaplain, made speeches of acceptance, which were edifying and cheering to all present.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer, the Alliance adjourned.

B. F. SHELTON, President.

J. C. BAIN, Secretary.

